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SUBJ: NAMIBIA AND SC

1. FOLLOWING SC MEETING JUNE 5, FRENCH PERMREP DE
GUIRINGUAD INFORMED TANZANIAN AND GUYANESE PERMREPS THAT
QUAI HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO VOTE AGAINST ANY REFERENCE TO
CHAPTER VII IN A RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA. UK PERMREP RICHARD
DID THE SAME. VISIBLY ANNOYED, BUT APPARENTLY HEARTENED
BY OPEN SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO IN
SC STATEMENT EARLIER IN AFTERNOON, SALIM SAID THAT IF
BRITISH AND FRENCH COULD NOT ACCEPT "MINIMUM" AFRICAN DEMANDS
(USUN 1926), AFRICANS WOULD REVERT TO ORIGINAL TOUGH LANGUAGE INVOKING

CHAPTER VII AND CALLING FOR MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO (USUN 1848).
THAT TEXT WOULD BE TABLED AFTERNOON JUNE 6.

2. FOLLOWING THAT DISCUSSION, RICHARD AND DE GUIRINGAUD
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PROPOSED INFORMALLY TO US THAT THEY AND US TABLE BRITISH LANGUAGE

FORWARDED IN USUN 1938. FOLLOWING TRIPLE VETO ON TOUGH AFRICAN DRAFT, WESTERN INITIATIVE THEN WOULD BE PUT TO VOTE. EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO AMEND DRAFT WHICH, OF COURSE, SPONSORS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO ACCEPT.

3. BRITISH PROPOSAL IS AN INTERESTING ONE, AND WE REQUEST DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS. ON BALANCE, WHILE BRITISH PROPOSAL COULD HAVE US EMERGE GIVING MORE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF BEING CONSTRUCTIVE, BRITISH MAY NOT HAVE DONE THEIR HOME WORK IN TABULATING VOTING PATTERN. SUPPORTERS (US, UK, FRANCE) AND PROBABLE SUPPORTERS (JAPAN, COSTA RICA, ITALY) FALL SHORT OF NINE REQUIRED VOTES. SCENARIO COULD EVEN INCLUDE A CHINESE VETO. ACCORDINGLY, IT MIGHT BE MORE PRUDENT SIMPLY TO TABLE RESOLUTION WITHOUT FIRMLY DECIDING IN ADVANCE TO FORCE IT TO A VOTE OR, INSTEAD OF TABLING, TO SPELL OUT IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE THE ELEMENTS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

4. RUMORS HEARD EARLIER THIS YEAR ALREADY HAVE BECOME CURRENT AGAIN THAT RADICALS, FOLLOWING ANOTHER TRIPLE VETO, MIGHT TAKE "UNITING FOR PEACE" ACTION IN GA. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN TALK OF POSSIBLE SPECIAL GA SESSION PRIOR TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, DEVOTED UNIQUELY TO AFRICAN QUESTIONS OR, EVEN MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO NAMIBIA. WHILE THESE RUMORS CANNOT BE EVALUATED, THEIR PLAUSIBILITY INCLINES TO SEEK SOME KIND OF CONSTRUCTIVE FOLLOW-ON ACTION IF AFRICAN INITIATIVE VETOED. WHILE IN THAT EVENT WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED IN LEAVING AFRICANS TO LIVE WITH RESULTS THEIR OWN FAILURE TO PURSUE THE SEARCH FOR A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA, WE SENSE THAT MANY AFRICANS INCLUDING MODERATES WOULD LEAVE THIS NAMIBIA EXERCISE TO FACE REMAINDER OF UN YEAR IN UGLY MOOD.

5. AT ITALIAN RECEPTION EVENING JUNE 5, GUYANESE PERMREP JACKSON TOLD AMB BENNETT THAT CHANCES OF COMPROMISE MATERIALIZING INDEED WERE DECLINING, BUT THAT GUYANA AND OTHERS WERE MEETING AGAIN MORNING JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS QUESTION. JACKSON APPEARED DEEPLY UPSET THAT ACCEPTABLE FORMULA HAD NOT BEEN REACHED. THROUGHOUT DAY, CHINESE WERE EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN BOLSTERING TANZANIAN POSITION AND IN BEATING BACK EFFORTS TO CONSTITUTE A "CONTACT COMMITTEE"

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IN AFRICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION.

6. FYI: COUNCIL SCHEDULED MEET AGAIN PM JUNE 6 WITH UK AND TENTATIVELY CAMEROON AND MAURITANIA SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL HOPES END SESSION ON NAMIBIA AT MEETING MORNING JUNE 7. END FYI.

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